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# Memorandum

TO : Chief, Plans and Policy Staff

DATE: 23 May 1963

FROM : Acting Chief, Language and Area School

SUBJECT: Semi-Annual Report to the President's  
Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board

The following significant developments in the Language and Area School are submitted for inclusion in the semi-annual report to the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board:

1. The previously-reported contract between OTR and the Modern Language Association of America for the production of language proficiency tests in French and Spanish has reached the point where preliminary versions of the test have been administered to 100 individuals in each language for purposes of determining the desirability of items for final versions of the tests. Final versions will be completed by the end of December 1963.

2. A further development in this interagency project is the negotiations going on at the present time to amend the contract to provide for 2 forms of a test in Russian to be financed by the Defense Language Institute from FY 63 funds.

3. The Language and Area School has acquired in the last 6 months a capability for giving instruction in a number of African languages, among them Malagasy and Swahili, in addition to our existing Lingala capability.

4. The OTR Area Training Program experienced a strong increase in registrations of both employees and dependents in the Americans Abroad Orientations for persons assigned to a given area for the first time. This increase may run to as much as 50% in the current fiscal year, as compared with FY 1962. It is the somewhat delayed result of policy

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decisions reached by the DDP and DDS a year and a half ago, requiring such employees and dependents to attend these briefings on useful area and intercultural themes.

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